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Panchayat Devolution Index
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Panchayat Devolution Index (PDI) of States across the country;
(b) whether any ranking has been given to various States including Kerala on the basis of the PDI;
(c) if so, details thereof, State-wise;
(d) whether any special assistance has been given according to PDI; and
(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a): The Annual Study on Panchayat Devolution Index (PDI) is undertaken by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to assess where each State stands in the matter of devolution of powers (3Fs - Funds, Functions and Functionaries) to Panchayati Raj Institution (PRIs). The salient features of the study for the year 2014-15 included the following:

â€¢ Actual outcome of activity mapping covering the transfer of functions, institutions functionaries, and finances to PRIs in the subjects listed in the 11th Schedule;
â€¢ Role of Panchayats in major Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) like National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), Sakshar Bharath Abhiyan (SBA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and important State Sponsored Schemes.
â€¢ Functions across various tiers of Panchayats and the mechanisms of inter-tier co-ordination; and
â€¢ The study arrived at an indicative ranking on the status of devolution based on field studies.

(b) & (c): Ranking of States on PDI has been done on the basis of the study for 2014-15 as per Annex. The State of Kerala ranked 1st on PDI.

(d) No Sir

(e) Does not arise.

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